



## **Office of the Mayor**

### **MEDIA ADVISORY**

**Friday, March 30, 2007**

**11:45 AM**

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## **CITY OFFERS SPRING RELEAF & YARD WASTE PICKUP**

### **SPRING RELEAF**

As part of its Clean City initiative, the City of South Bend is again offering the Spring ReLeaf program, for two weeks only, Monday, April 2 through Friday, April 13. All residents are encouraged to rake their loose leaves to the curb, and call the Bureau of Streets for pickup, at 235-9244. Call-in pickup is the most efficient means for spring leaf pickup, helping to conserve fuel and keep down costs for labor and vehicle maintenance.

#### ***Please follow these guidelines for loose-leaf pickup:***

- Do not allow children to play in leaf piles near the curb.
- Do not contaminate leaf piles with debris (sticks, trash, etc.). Street crews are unable to collect these piles with vacuum trucks. It will be the owner's responsibility to dispose of contaminated piles.
- Do not rake leaves into the street. Avoid parking in front of leaf piles to allow access for pick-up.
- There will be no loose leaf pick-up in alleys.

***NOTE:*** Residents are reminded that in order to protect our air quality, burning of leaves is completely prohibited in the City of South Bend and is a violation of City ordinance.

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## YARD WASTE PICKUP

Bagged leaves and bagged or bundled yard waste pickup is available now, also on a call-in basis, until Thursday, April 5. Please place bagged or bundled yard waste at the curb, and call the Bureau of Solid Waste at 277-8823 for pickup.

Solid Waste will officially begin its standard Yard Waste Program on Monday, April 9. Pickup will take place weekly on residents' regular trash collection days, and will be automatic, call-in is not necessary.

***Please follow these guidelines for the Yard Waste Program:***

- Please place yard waste at curbside in bags or containers, by 6:00 a.m., and separate it from trash and debris.
- Yard waste and brush must be bagged or bundled (no more than 4 feet in length or 1 foot above edge of container).
- Please use suitable containers (30 gallon trash container or smaller) - *do not place yard waste in City automated trash containers.*
- Do not place yard waste in the alleys.

South Bend's leaves and yard waste are recycled at the City's Organic Resources Facility, thereby diverting this material from our community's landfill and providing quality mulch for reuse. City residents can reap the rewards of their efforts by going to Organic Resources to pick up high quality mulch and compost for free if you self-load, or at a minimal sliding scale fee if you request assistance with loading. Organic Resources is located at 4340 Trade Drive, off of Nimtz Parkway just ¼ mile west of Bendix Drive. Organic Resources is open 8:00 AM to 3:45 PM, Monday through Friday. Please call 287-6841 for more information.

